

The safest form of fencing for a pool or spa is **isolation** fencing, followed by **separation fencing**. In a situation when this is not possible, a property owner may choose to use a spa lid (cover).

## Design: Spa Pool Lids

- Spa pool lids are required **to be lockable** with metal keyed alike locks.
- Spa pool lids need to be able to **support the weight of an adult** (60 – 70kg).
- Spa pool lids are able to be easily **removed and replaced by one person**, (a winch or pulley system can be used).
- The spa pool lid material **can't have apertures/gaps greater than 100mm**. (When in the closed locked position the lid should not be able to be lifted greater than 100mm in any area above the spa).
- The lid should allow **ventilation**, to reduce the build up of chlorine gases.
- The spa pool lid should have **no sharp edges**.

**In ground spas** are required to have the spa lid **hinged**, so that the lid cannot be removed, left off or stored away from the spa. The spa cover is required to be attached to the spa or the ground adjacent to the spa.

*\*Care must be taken that the lid is not propped open.*

## Maintenance: Spa Pool Lid

- Regularly clean the latching devices of the lid to ensure that there are no obstructions, or deposits building up to prevent the latching devices from working.
- Ensure that the lockable lid is in place in the locked position at all times when spa pool is not in actual use.
- Review the effectiveness of the lid, in total, on a regular basis for signs of defects. If any portion of the cover or associated parts requires repair, such work should be performed immediately.

## Assistance: Spa Pool Lid

Pool Safety Advisers are available to conduct free advice visits on site, to discuss fencing and lid options. In addition grant funding is available until December 2008 to assist with the costs incurred in fencing or building a compliant spa pool lid for existing spas installed prior to 2003.

*(Proof of installation date may be required).*

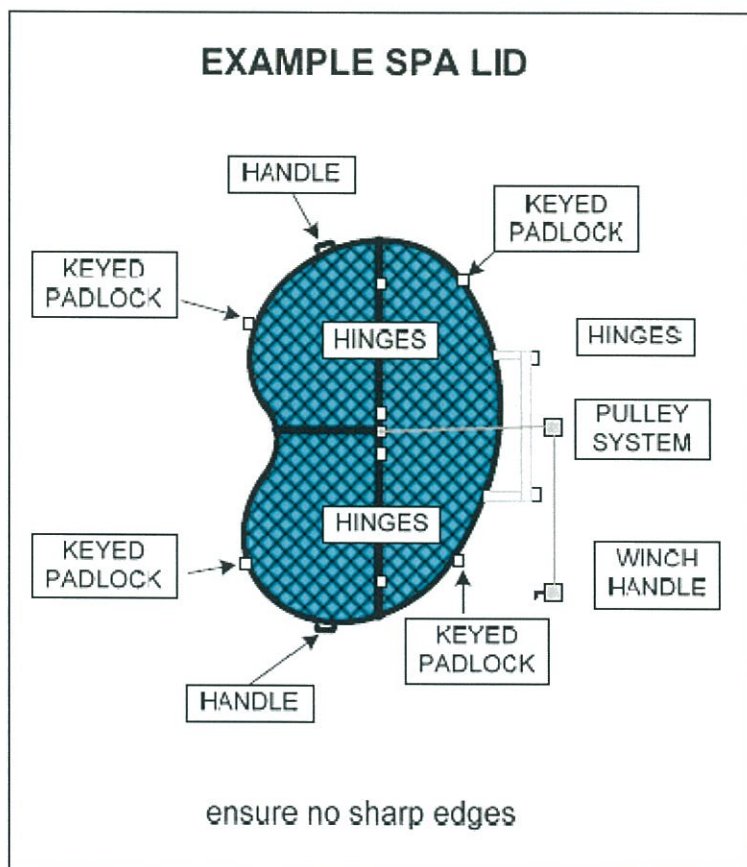
## Conditions of Compliance: Spa Pool Lids

Spa pool lid covers can be certified as Non-Standard enclosures under the Non-Standard Safety Provision (NSSP) of the *Swimming Pool Safety Act, 2004*.

The following conditions will be applied to the compliance certificate:

- a. The spa pool must be covered with a solid lockable lid that is to be securely locked in place at all times when the spa pool is not in use.
- b. The owners of the property (including subsequent owners) are aware of the risks posed to a child by the spa pool.
- c. In the event that the property is tenanted, the conditions of certification of the spa are included in the tenancy agreement and that the tenant is made aware of the risks posed to a child by the spa pool.

***It will be the owners responsibility, or the adult responsible for the spa pool at the time, to ensure that the spa pool lid cover is in place and securely locked at all times when the spa pool is not in actual use.***



### More Information

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